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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ely District, Schell and Caliente Field Office's have issued the Decision Record for the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Silver King Herd Management Area (HMA) Wild Horse and Burro Gather (EA) DOI-BLM-NV- L020-2010-0039-EA. The decision is for the BLM to gather and remove approximately 546 excess wild horses which includes the 2010 foal crop from within and outside the Silver King Herd Management Area. The gather is expected to start on or about September 2010.

A preliminary environmental assessment was made available to the public and posted on the Ely District Website www.nv.blm.gov/ely for a 30 day public review and comment period on June 16, 2010. Written comments were received from seven individuals and e-mail comments were received from 2,847 individuals. Many of these comments contained overlapping issues/concerns which were consolidated into 24 distinct topics. Refer to EA, Appendix VI for a detailed summary of the comments received and how BLM used these comments in preparing the final environmental assessment. The final Environmental Assessment / Gather Plan for the Silver King HMA is available on the BLM's web site at www.nv.blm.gov/ely, or contact the Ely BLM District Office.

The gather and impacts are described and analyzed in the Silver King Herd Management Area Wild Horse Gather Final EA. The EA and other information about the gather also are posted on the BLM Website at www.nv.blm.gov/ely.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Chris Hanefeld, BLM Ely District public affairs specialist, at (775) 289-1800.

Sincerely,

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